

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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Cashless Treatment of Accident Victims

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**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has launched a pilot project to provide cashless treatment facility to accident victims on National Highways in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of such victims that have been provided cashless treatment since inception of the project;
- (c) the salient features and coverage of the said project, State/UT-wise;
- (d) the number of road accidents reported in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise along with the number of persons killed/injured in such accidents, State/UTwise; and
- (e) the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
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(a) to (c) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has launched three pilot project for cashless treatment of road accident victims on following stretches of National Highways:-

- (i) Gurgaon - Jaipur stretch of National Highway (NH) No.8. (launched in 2013 -14)
- (ii) Vadodara – Mumbai stretch of NH No. 8 (launched in 2014 -15)
- (iii) Ranchi – Rargaon – Mahulia stretch of NH No. 33. (launched in 2014 -15)

The objective of the project is to save lives of accident victims by providing prompt and appropriate medical care during "Golden Hour", and thereby reduce fatalities and disabilities due to road accidents. The project envisages transport of accident victims from the accident scene to hospital and, where required, from one hospital to another for treatment at a public or private hospital for the first 48 hours or Rs. 30,000/-, whichever is earlier.

The pilot phase has come to end. PGIMER, Chandigarh has conducted the study .

(d) State-UT wise details regarding the total number of road accidents, persons killed and injured in such accidents is annexed.

(e) The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has taken a number of steps to prevent road accidents as per details mentioned under:

- i. The Government has approved a National Road Safety Policy. This Policy outlines various policy measures such as promoting awareness, encouraging safer road infrastructure including application of intelligent transport, enforcement of safety laws trauma care etc.
- ii. The Government has constituted the National Road Safety Council as the apex body to take policy decisions in matters of road safety.
- iii. The Ministry has requested all States/UTs for setting up of State Road Safety Council and District Road Safety Committees, and to hold their meetings regularly.
- iv. The Ministry has formulated a multi-pronged strategy to address the issue of road safety based on 4 'E's viz. Education, Engineering (both of roads and vehicles), Enforcement and Emergency Care. Based on this, a draft action plan has been shared with the states.
- v. Road safety has been made an integral part of road design at planning stage.
- vi. Road Safety Audit of selected stretches of National Highways has been taken up.
- vii. High priority has been accorded to identification and rectification of black spots (accident prone spots) on national highways. 789 such black spots have been identified for improvement.
- viii. The threshold for four laning of national highway has been reduced from 15,000 Passenger Car Units (PCUs) to 10,000 PCUs. About 52,000 Km of stretches of State Highways has been identified for conversion to national highways.
- ix. Setting up of model driving training institutes in States and refresher training to drivers of Heavy Motor Vehicle in the unorganized sector.
- x. Advocacy/Publicity campaign on road safety through the electronic and print media.

- xi. Tightening of safety standards for vehicles like Seat Belts, Power-steering, anti-lock braking system etc.
- xii. Providing cranes and ambulances to various State Governments under the National Highway Accident Relief Service Scheme for development on National Highways. National Highways Authority of India also provides ambulances at a distance of 50 Km. on each of its completed stretches of National Highways under its Operation & Maintenance contracts.
- xiii. Launch of pilot projects for providing cashless treatment of road accident victims on Gurgaon – Jaipur, Vadodara – Mumbai stretch of National Highways No. 8 and Ranchi – Rargaon - Mahulia stretch of National Highway No. 33.